

APPLICATION DEADLINE October 6, 2006!



The City of Seattle Mayor's Youth Council



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represent your community • work directly with Mayor Nickels
produce a citywide youth town hall
new friends • fun times • make a difference

WHO

28 Council members made up of two high school students representing each of the 13 Seattle Department of Neighborhoods districts and two homeless youth.

WHAT

The Mayor's Youth Council has four main parts:

- **Voice:** discuss solutions for city issues and give ideas to community leaders like the Mayor, City Council members and the Police Chief;
- **Outreach:** collect input from youth all over Seattle through outreach, surveys and community meetings to let Mayor Nickels know what youth would like to see in their neighborhoods;
- **Town Hall:** produce a city-wide youth town hall where only youth can ask questions of the mayor;
- **Skill-Building:** participate in a one-day retreat and trainings every other week to build your leadership skills and get involved.

WHY

Mayor Nickels and other city leaders want to hear about the issues and concerns of youth in your neighborhood and help make the changes you want to see.

WHEN / WHERE

The Council will meet **every other Wednesday** from 4:00-6:00pm from October 26, 2006 through May 16, 2007; between January and March, the Council will meet **every Wednesday**. Most of the Council meetings will be held at City Hall in downtown Seattle (600 4th Avenue, between James Street and Cherry Street) with some meetings held at other sites throughout the city. The Council will also have a mandatory one-day retreat scheduled for **Saturday, October 21** from 9:00am-4:00pm, location to be announced. Food provided! Make sure you can make the time commitment when you apply. Upon acceptance, you will receive a contract including expectations for council member attendance and participation.

QUESTIONS? Contact Naceem at the Metrocenter YMCA

T: 206.382.5005 * F: 206.382.7894 * E: nnavidi@mc.seattleyymca.org

For additional information: www.seattle.gov/mayor/issues/myc

HOW TO APPLY

To be considered for the 2006-2007 Mayor's Youth Council, you must:

- Complete the application;
- Answer the six application questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to your application; and
- Ask one non-relative adult to complete the attached reference form and submit the form to the Metrocenter YMCA. Your reference form could be completed by a teacher, coach, clergy or leader at your place of worship, workplace supervisor, or counselor.
- OPTIONAL: you may submit a second reference form if you feel it would strengthen your application.

Your application must be received at the Metrocenter YMCA by 5:00pm on Friday, October 6. Do not send your application to the Mayor's Office. You will be contacted via mail, email or phone by Friday, October 13 to let you know if you are invited to a group interview on October 16.

There are three ways to return your application:

- via fax: 206.382.7894
- via email: nnavidi@mc.seattleyymca.org
- via mail/in person: Metrocenter YMCA, 909 Fourth Ave, Seattle WA 98104

Early applications are encouraged!

COUNCIL MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

Council members are expected to attend all activities of the Mayor's Youth Council and to represent themselves, the Mayor's Youth Council and the YMCA well at all times. Council members must be able to maintain good communication with staff and fellow council members via email and phone. All council members will support each other to do the best they can and will attend meetings and activities with an open mind, positive attitude and willingness to engage. In order to remain on the Mayor's Youth Council, you must commit to attending all of the meetings. Missing more than two meetings may result in removal from the Mayor's Youth Council.



"We need fresh ideas and perspectives in city government. I had some great opportunities to find my civic passion when I was young. Members of my Youth Council will engage, impact and connect with city leaders and their community about important issues - plus, they'll get great leadership experience, too."

— Mayor Greg Nickels

Mayor's Youth Council 2006-2007 Application

Part 1: Contact Information

Full Name:	Nickname:	Grade:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Email:		
Mailing Address:	Apt.:	Zip:
Name of Reference:	Relationship to you:	

Part 2: Neighborhood Information

Seattle is divided into 13 neighborhood districts. Mark or circle your neighborhood below. If you are homeless, mark "homeless" AND the neighborhood you most identify with. If you do not know your neighborhood district, call Naceem at 382.5005

HOMELESS	EAST First Hill Madison Park Capitol Hill Miller Park Montlake	MAGNOLIA/QA Queen Anne Magnolia	NORTH WEST Broadview Green Lake Greenwood Licton Springs Phinney Ridge Whittier Heights
BALLARD Ballard			
CENTRAL Central Area Judkins South Lake Union	GREATER DUWAMISH Beacon Hill Duwamish Georgetown SODO (South of the Dome) South Park	NORTH Maple Leaf Northgate Thornton Creek	SOUTHEAST Columbia / Hillman / Genesee Mt. Baker NewHolly Pritchard Beach Rainier Beach South Beacon Hill
DELRIDGE Delridge Highland Park Westwood		NORTH EAST Laurelhurst Northeast Ravenna Bryant Roosevelt University District View Ridge Wedgwood	
DOWNTOWN International District Pioneer Square	LAKE UNION Eastlake Fremont Wallingford		WEST SEATTLE Alki Fauntleroy Morgan Junction West Seattle

Part 3: Commitment

Mayor's Youth Council 2006-2007 Meeting Schedule

October 6: Applications Due	Week of February 7: COMMUNITY MEETINGS
October 16: Group Interview (you will be notified by October 13th if you have been selected for an interview.)	February 14: Mayor's Youth Council Meeting
OCTOBER 21: MYC RETREAT at City Hall, 9:00—4:00	**February 20 – 23: SPS Mid-Winter Break.
October 25: Mayor's Youth Council Meeting	February 28: Mayor's Youth Council Meeting
November 8: Mayor's Youth Council Meeting	March 7: Policy Proposal Presentations to the Mayor
November 29: Mayor's Youth Council Meeting	March 14: Mayor's Youth Council Meeting
December 13: Mayor's Youth Council Meeting	March 21: Mayor's Youth Council Meeting
**December 18 – January 1: SPS Winter Break.	March 28: Mayor's Youth Council Meeting
January 3: Mayor's Youth Council Meeting	**April 9 - 13: SPS Spring Break. Youth Town Hall Planning & Marketing.
January 10: Group Planning Meeting	April 18: Mayor's Youth Council Meeting
January 17: Mayor's Youth Council Meeting	APRIL 19: MAYOR'S YOUTH TOWN HALL Location tbd
January 24: Group Planning Meeting	May 2: Mayor's Youth Council Meeting
January 31: Mayor's Youth Council Meeting	May 16: End of Year Celebration!

All meetings take place from 4:00—6:00 pm. Most meetings will be held Downtown at City Hall (600 Fourth Avenue) or at the Metrocenter YMCA (909 Fourth Avenue).

I fully understand the level of commitment and expectations of the Mayor's Youth Council members and am willing to attend all the meetings listed above if I am selected. I am aware that missing more than two meetings may result in removal from the Mayor's Youth Council.

Applicant's Name (please print)

Signature

Date

Part 4: Tell us about yourself!

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper:

1. Please **creatively** share how you have created or would like to create a positive change in your life or community. You can draw a picture, write a poem, attach a photo, make a collage, or use other creative means to express yourself.
2. What do you think are the top three concerns of youth in your neighborhood and/or in the city? Please briefly share your ideas for solving one of the issues.
3. What do you want to gain from being part of the Mayor's Youth Council?
4. In addition to your neighborhood, what other groups or populations do you represent?
5. How did you hear about the Mayor's Youth Council?
6. Participation on the council requires meeting every other week for eight months and providing the Council with up to 10 hours of your time per month after school during the week outside of regular meetings. What other regular commitments will you have during this time? How will you balance your time, so that you will be able to commit to the Mayor's Youth Council?

The Metrocenter YMCA and the City of Seattle are committed to making the Council as diverse as possible. Although the following questions are optional, we would appreciate it if you would answer them.

School:	Gender:	Age:
Ethnicity:		Sexual Orientation:

I am aware that the youth named above is applying to be a member of the Mayor's Youth Council.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Signature

Date





Reference Form Mayor's Youth Council 2006-2007



Name of applicant: _____

Name of reference (please print): _____

Instructions:

The above applicant has applied for the Mayor's Youth Council, requiring an eight month commitment of up to twelve hours per month. Please answer the questions to the best of your knowledge. Please type or print clearly with black or blue ink. To be considered, applicants must have all components of their application, including this reference form, submitted to the Metrocenter YMCA by **MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 at 5pm.**

Please return this reference form in one of the following ways:

- via fax: 206.382.7894, Attention: Naceem
- via email: nnavidi@mc.seattleyymca.org
- via mail/in person: Metrocenter YMCA, 909 Fourth Ave, Seattle WA 98104

1. How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?
2. Please describe the applicant's strengths.
3. Please describe the applicant's level of commitment.
4. Give an example of the applicant completing a project or assignment. How did he/she do in that process?
5. How does the applicant interact with other youth in a group situation?
6. Please list any reservations you have about the applicant that we should be aware of.

(Please complete Page 2)

Applicant's Name: _____

7. Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics and abilities (1=low, 5=high).

1	2	3	4	5	Ability to work alone or with little supervision
1	2	3	4	5	Ability to work with others
1	2	3	4	5	Communication skills
1	2	3	4	5	Dependability
1	2	3	4	5	Flexibility
1	2	3	4	5	Leadership skills
1	2	3	4	5	Maturity
1	2	3	4	5	Outgoing
1	2	3	4	5	Outspoken
1	2	3	4	5	Responsible
1	2	3	4	5	Takes initiative

8. What else would you like us to know about the applicant as a potential Mayor's Youth Council member? Please attach an additional piece of paper if necessary.

9. Overall, how would you rate the applicant?

_____ Exceptional, rare find
_____ Very good, no reservations at all
_____ Good, better than many
_____ Recommend, no strong feelings
_____ Might be okay, some reservations
_____ Weak, should be discouraged

Reference Signature: _____ Date: _____

Can we contact you for further information about the applicant? Y or N

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Occupation/Title & Place of Employment: _____